

Express Mail No: EV 373 591 409 US

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail Post Office Addressee," addressed to:

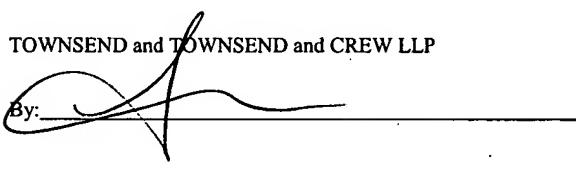
PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 16869P-010210US
Client Ref. No.: 349900778US02

Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

On January 14, 2004

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

By: 

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TERUO NAGASAWA et al.

Application No.:

Filed:

For: DATA STORAGE CONTROLLER

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.

Examiner:

Technology Center/Art Unit:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.